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Identical letters dated 24 June 2015 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, dated 19 June 2015, regarding the ratification by the Russian State Duma of the so-called "treaty" between the Russian Federation and its occupation regime in the Tskhinvali region of Georgia (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 33, and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia regarding the ratification by the Russian State Duma of the so-called "treaty" between the Russian Federation and its occupation regime in the Tskhinvali region of Georgia

On 19 June 2015, the lower house of parliament of the Russian Federation, the State Duma, ratified the so-called "treaty on alliance and integration" signed between Moscow and its occupation regime in the Tskhinvali region of Georgia on 18 March 2015.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia condemns the ratification of the so-called "treaty on alliance and integration" and reiterates that this action represents a step towards the annexation of the integral territory of Georgia by the Russian Federation, in blatant violation of its international commitments, including those under the ceasefire agreement of 12 August 2008.

Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia is an integral part of Georgia and does not constitute a subject of international law. Any attempt to sign a so-called "treaty" with the Tskhinvali region is a flagrant violation of international law, devoid of legal consequences, in full breach of the fundamental norms and principles of international law, namely sovereignty, the inviolability of borders, territorial integrity and the fulfilment in good faith of international commitments.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia calls upon the international community to properly assess the step undertaken by the Russian Federation and exercise due pressure on that country. The firm and unanimous support of the international community will be of decisive importance as part of the efforts to bring an end to the destructive activities of the Russian Federation.

Tbilisi, 19 June 2015